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REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1 and 16-19 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 2 and 8 were previously canceled. Thus, claims 1, 3-7, and 9-19 remain pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that based on the above amendments and the following remarks that all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

II. THE OBJECTION TO THE CLAIM SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The Examiner has objected to claim 1 for incorrectly identifying the status. (See 9/26/06 Office Action, p. 2). The Examiner acknowledged the amendment of claim 1. (See Id., p. 2, l. 4). Thus, applicants assume the previously presented amendment to claim 1 has been entered. Therefore, claim 1 only highlights the changes made in this response to the 9/26/06 Office Action. Furthermore, claim 1 includes the correct status identifier with respect to the current response. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner should withdraw the objection to claim 1.

III. THE 35 U.S.C. § 101 REJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The Examiner has rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as unpatentable because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. (See 9/26/06 Office Action, pp. 2-3). Specifically, the Examiner states that the scope of the presently claimed computer program "when executed" cannot be fully realized. Claim 19 has been amended to recite "when executed on the processing device." Therefore, the execution of the program may be realized. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner should withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claim 19.

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IV. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4-7, 9-14, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,707 (Humbleman) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,564 (Fontana) in further view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,505,348 (Knowles). (See 9/26/06 Office Action, pp. 4-8).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a method comprising, a "reference information object model defining a set of requirements" and "configuring at least a portion of the content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of the reference information model when the content-related information satisfies the set of requirements." None of the references describe the use of a set of requirements to determine whether a configuring is to take place. Support for this amendment may be found in at least the following locations in the specification: (See Specification, p. 10, l. 22 – p. 11, l. 5). Thus, it is respectfully submitted that neither Humbleman, Fontana, nor Knowles, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the above recitation of claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner should withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 1. Because claims 4-7 and 9-14 depend from and, therefore, include all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable.

Claim 19 recites "the reference information object model defining a set of requirements" and "configuring at least a portion of the content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of the reference information object model when the content-related information satisfies the set of requirements." Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is also allowable and the Examiner should withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 19.

The Examiner has rejected claims 3 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,707 (Humbleman) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,564 (Fontana) in further view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,505,348 (Knowles) in further view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0073081 (Kido). (See 9/26/06 Office Action, pp. 8-9).

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Kido also does not disclose or suggest a “reference information object model defining a set of requirements” and “configuring at least a portion of the content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of the reference information model when the content-related information satisfies the set of requirements,” as recited in claim 1. Therefore, neither Humpleman, Fontana, Knowles, nor Kido, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the above recitation of claim 1. Thus, because claims 3 and 15 depend from and, therefore, include all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable.

The Examiner has rejected claims 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,707 (Humpleman) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,564 (Fontana) in further view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0073081 (Kido). (See 9/26/06 Office Action, pp. 9-12).

As discussed above, neither Humpleman, Fontana, nor Kido disclose or suggest a “reference information object model defining a set of requirements” and “configuring at least a portion of the content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of the reference information model when the content-related information satisfies the set of requirements,” as recited in claim 1.

Claim 16 recites “defining a set of requirements for the reference information object model” and “configuring at least a portion of the received content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of the reference information model, when the received content-related information satisfies the set of requirements.” Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is also allowable and the Examiner should withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 16.

Claim 17 recites “a processor operative to configure at least a portion of the content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of a reference information object model that defines a set of requirements and is configured in accordance with a unified modeling language format, the portion of the content-related information so configured thereby upon satisfying the set of requirements being selectively extractable by at least the electronic program guide of the first type and at least a second electronic program guide of a second type different

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than the first type in accordance with a specified semantic and syntactic consensus, wherein the content-related information comprises one or more documents in an extensible markup language." Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is also allowable and the Examiner should withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 17.

Claim 18 recites "a processor operative to implement at least a portion of the electronic program guide of the first type for processing the content-related information, at least a portion of the content-related information being configured for consistency with corresponding portions of a reference information object model that defines a set of requirements and is configured in accordance with a unified modeling language format, the portion of the content-related information so configured thereby upon satisfying the set of requirements being selectively extractable by at least the electronic program guide of the first type and at least a second electronic program guide of a second type different than the first type in accordance with a specified semantic and syntactic consensus, wherein the content-related information comprises one or more documents in an extensible markup language." Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is also allowable and the Examiner should withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 18.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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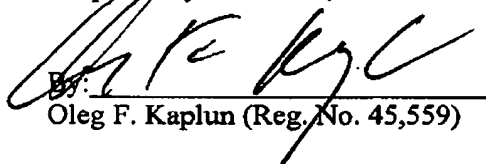
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